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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Committee on Exploitation of Foreign  
Language Publications

SUBJECT: Procurement of Critical Far East Publications

1. This is our first progress report on the above subject. I have just received the following information from Vientiane, Laos, through the courtesy of the Ad-hoc publications officer there:

"The Embassy is now sending you, marked "ICD/FF for WF," the following titles regularly:

Lao Hak Sat (published only in Lao),  
Lao Hakka Sat (both the French and Lao editions),  
L'Independant (published only in French),  
Lao Presse (French edition, but not the Lao  
edition, called Khav Khassana Kan)  
La Voix du Peuple (French edition, but not the Lao  
edition, called Sieng Sa-jadorn), and  
Lao Huan Samphan (published only in Lao).

We think that you can count on regular, current air-pouch receipt of these titles, as long as they continue to be published. Our air-pouch facilities present no problem in this regard at present.

Lao Huan Lao is no longer published. I have verified for you that Santiphah is likewise no longer appearing.

"In addition to samples of those listed above, which you are supposed to be receiving, samples of the following are included:

Anakod Lao (in Lao only)  
Khav Houan (Lao only)  
Lao Lan Sang (Lao only)  
L'Avenir du Laos (in French only, but not published for  
about two months and not expected to resume)

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Khaw Khosana Kan (the Lao edition of Lea Presse, which does not duplicate the French edition exactly)

Midthabarn (Lao only)

Prachathipatay (Lao only)

Siang Buddhachan (Lao only)

Siang Rajadorn (the Lao edition of La Voix du Peuple, but not an exact duplicate)

Tanruaj Saphan (Lao only)."

2. We will keep you posted as we have further progress to report.

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Chairman Committee on Procurement  
of  
Foreign Publications